(d) The concerned Ministries undertake evaluation studies from time to time through reputed research organizations/institutions to evalute the performance and assess the impact of the programmes and to identify problems in course of implementation to make mid-term corrections, wherever necessary.

(e) Does not arise.

Unemployment in the country

494. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the unemployment is rapidly increasing in the country due to fall in production;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (c) As per two most recent quinquennial rounds of National Sample Survey Organization, unemployment rate on Current Daily Status (CDS) basis has increased from 7.31% in 1999-2000 (55th round) to 8.28% in 2004-05 (61st round). The growth rate of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) during 1999-2000 to 2004-05 was estimated at 6.13% per annum.

Observation by World Bank's India based Director

495. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of observations made by World Bank's India-based Director during September, 2007 that 'sustainability of India's growth story would critically depend on the manner in which country addressed the constraints of infrastructure, skill enhancement and education';

(b) if so, whether Eleventh Five Year Plan 2007-2012 would adequately take care of this situation in spite of often-repeated 'constraint of resources' syndrome; and

(c) whether farm economy having minimum growth rate, adversely effecting DGP, would multi-dimensional attention be paid to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a)Yes, Sir. As per a newspaper report, the World Bank's country Director for India, Isabel M. Guerrero, said that, "sustainability of India's growth story would critically depend on how the country addressed the constraints of infrastructure, skill enhancement and